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TWO ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT BANK FRAUD

- Agreed to forge payroll and personal checks

BOWLING GREEN, KY - Alisa Kendra Beck, age 32, and Charles Wayne Bishop, Jr., age 44, both of Bowling Green, Kentucky, both in Warren County, pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

Beck and Bishop admitted that, between March 4, 2005 and January 23, 2007, they had conspired together and with other individuals to commit bank fraud, by reaching an agreement to make counterfeit and forged payroll and personal checks and then to utter the checks to Kentucky banks and businesses in return for over \$30,000 in money and merchandise.

Co-defendants Anthony Willis Simmons, James Lee Cooper, Kenneth J. Moore, Jesse DeWayne Howard, and Tekulve Walker all plead guilty to the same charges on June 28, 2007. Moore was sentenced today to 15 months imprisonment. Simmons, Cooper, and Walker are scheduled to be sentenced on September 20, 2007.

The maximum potential penalties Beck and Bishop each face are 30 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ann Claire Phillips, and it was investigated by the United States Secret Service and Bowling Green Police Department

The pleas were entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Beck and Bishop are scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on December 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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